



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**BOARD OF
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**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

Present: Matthew Hervey, Mel Katz, Susan Lew, Judy McCarty,
Natalie Rencher, Katie Sullivan

Absent: MaryAnne Pinter

Staff: Bruce Herring, Deputy City Manager, Anna Tatár, Library
Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Margaret Kazmer,
Deputy Director; Darren Greenhalgh, Senior Civil Engineer;
Jay Hill, Director of Development; Carol Young, Senior
Management Analyst

Public: Thomas Jamieson, Cecily McEuen

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. in the Commission Room of
the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2005 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10.a Library System Update

Darren Greenhalgh provided a new Main Library and branch capital
improvement program update. The updates on these projects are now

available on the Library website with the May report.

Architect Rob Quigley met with JMI to discuss the Ballpark Village concept. To date CCDC has only approved the project envelope, which provided a concept of where buildings might be located. The project will return to CCDC for design approval. Mr. Quigley will work with the developers to get a view corridor for the reading room. The sun envelope was protected so it is not an issue.

Commissioner Hervey asked if any alternative sites are being considered for a new Skyline Hills Branch Library. Ms. Tatár responded that she was not aware of any other sites under consideration. She also reported that the second week in September is being considered for the opening of the new College-Rolando Branch Library.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Cecily McEuen

Ms. McEuen reported that the Friends of the Library had a good turnout at the Library Department's budget hearing. Essays submitted by children to the Essay Contest are being readied to be given to the City Council.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

The May Advisory Board meeting was held at the Imperial Public Library, and focused on budget issues. Additional appointments to the board will be made by member libraries.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

A letter from the Commission's Budget Subcommittee was sent to City Council, and Commissioners Sullivan, Hervey and Katz attended the budget hearing.

Commissioner Katz has been working on Main Library fundraising, with the focus being on a naming gift.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE: Bruce Herring

Mr. Herring estimated that the deadline for raising \$30 million and keeping the Main Library project on schedule will be September.

Commissioner Lew asked if it would be possible to move forward with only the \$103 million currently available. Mr. Herring responded that it would not be possible without a total redesign of the building. Commissioner Katz added that he would not anticipate City Council support of that idea, as Councilmembers want to see public support of the project.

Mr. Herring met with the Chamber of Commerce and recommended that they put discussions of the Main Library project on the back burner for now.

Mr. Herring reported that the Salary Ordinance was adopted on May 31, based on the three year agreements reached between the City and four labor unions. Booking Fees and the impact of the special election are both budget issues.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- Ms. Tatár congratulated Mr. Jamieson for being selected Chair of the Serra Advisory Board.
- Mr. Hill provided a Development Program update. He anticipates being close to last year's support for the matching funds. Mr. Hill also expressed his appreciation for the Commission's support of the position proposed to be cut from the Development Program.
- Ms. Tatár reminded Commissioners that there are some strong supporters for the Main Library, and distributed the letters of support submitted to the State as part of the City's Proposition 14 grant application.
- Logan Jenkins from the *Union-Tribune* was given a tour of the Central Library. Commissioner Sullivan participated in the tour.
- Ms. Tatár met with the La Jolla Friends of the Library regarding the development of a spending plan for the Jane Cameron endowment, and with staff from the Treasurer's office regarding investing the funds.
- Ms. Tatár met with the head of the San Diego Data Processing Corporation regarding Main Library technology.
- The READ/San Diego Tutor Conference took place in May with more than 200 attendees. Chris McFadden was the keynote speaker.

AGENDA ITEMS, Cont.

10.b Budget Update

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the Budget Subcommittee is in the process of setting up appointments with all Councilmembers or their staff to discuss the budget.

Ms. Balko provided information on three options being considered for reducing branch library service hours. She noted that Mondays are the busiest day at 25 branches, Saturdays are busiest at 5 branches and Wednesdays are busiest at 4 locations. She noted that the differences in the levels of daily usage were not that great.

Staff also researched what other western library systems of similar size are doing, the results

being that they have a variety of ways to address similar situations.

The estimate to restore Mission Valley's weekly operating hours to 76 is nearly \$200,000.

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan that the Board of Library Commissioners recommends implementing Option 3, providing six days of service with reduced hours on Fridays and Saturdays, with a minor revision of opening at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays instead of noon.

Seconded by Commissioner McCarty.

The motion passed unanimously.

10.c Legislative Update

Staff has been working with Governmental Relations and the California Library Association on supporting increased funding of the Public Library Fund.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director